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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
MASAYUKI YAMADA, ET AL.)	Examiner: M.N. Opsasnick
Application No.: 09/262,852)	Group Art Unit: 2655
Filed: March 5, 1999)	
For: SPEECH SYNTHESIS APPARATUS,)	February 4, 2003
CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR,)	
AND COMPUTER-READABLE)	
MEMORY)	

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

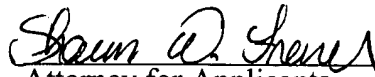
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for taking further action one (1) additional month, from January 4, 2003, up to and including February 4, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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